

Notes for DAD/BR
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Résumé of the GRA Program for FY 1960

The Program of the Geographic Research Area, Office of Research and Reports for Fiscal Year 1960 will, in large part, be determined by the kinds of requests received for geographic research, cartographic support, and map reference service.

The research program reflects not only the continuing basic map appraisal studies for the National Intelligence Surveys (19% of research time available in FY 1959), but also the ever-changing efforts of the clandestine services to plan and carry out operations for the collection of vital information. To this operational support for DD/P, we expect to continue to allocate about 15% of our available research time. There are also the unconventional warfare studies and atomic fallout patterns to be studied in relation to escape and evasion areas for area relocation. The program to produce detailed city plans, which currently covers approximately 100 cities in the USSR, will be expanded to include Far East cities. This program effort will be augmented considerably to meet the continuing critical operational needs of DD/P. Research support will be given to various CIA efforts to locate guided missile launching sites, ranges, and production facilities, to ascertain the scope and purpose of Soviet geographical and geophysical activity in the Arctic and Antarctic, and to collect information on Soviet capabilities, activities and programs in economic, scientific and technical fields.

The cartographic support program for FY 1960 closely meshes in substantive coverage with the research and collection efforts of the entire Agency. All offices of the DD/I will continue to receive support, with the economic and geographic research programs absorbing some 35% of total manhours worked. The NIS map requirements will change little from the 22% of total manhours worked in FY 1959. The cartographic effort in the city plan program for DD/P will increase to about twice that of FY 1959. It is also expected that cartographic support of clandestine collection, operations, and training will have to respond to increased demands from DD/P. The Weekly and other OCI projects will continue to require some 4% of our total cartographic effort. Contributions to NIE reports represented 1.34% of total manhours worked in FY 1959; a slight increase is expected during FY 1960. Cartographic support to the Department of State in NIS map work, and to the Office of the Geographer will continue, with a slight increase expected for the latter. During FY 1959, the two combined represented 4.61% of total manhours worked.

The Map Library Division will continue to provide an up-to-date map reference service and to coordinate the procurement of foreign maps from domestic and foreign sources as a service of common concern to the mapping community of the government. Three large functional segments of work can be identified for the purpose of showing the allocation of manpower in the total Map Library program.

The first of these functions includes all of the foreign and domestic procurement activity coordinated, directed, and

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supported by the Division such as: (a) the joint Agency foreign map procurement program operated through the Foreign Service of the Department of State; (b) map agency requirements for the collection of foreign maps by domestic and foreign clandestine means; and (c) information and recommendations for courses of action relative to foreign mapping programs subject to support by the United States. About 39% of the Division's total effort is allocated to this activity; of this, 31% is for the support of foreign procurement and 8% for domestic procurement.

The largest amount of manpower (49%) is allocated to the maintenance of a central collection of intelligence maps and related geographic publications. This includes cataloging, indexing, filing, charge desk duties, and the issuance of periodic joint agency map acquisition lists.

The third function is the map reference service which includes guidance to analysts in the exploitation of the collection, aid in identifying geographic features and names, and selection of map materials for Vital Storage. About 12% of the Division's manpower is utilized to perform this function.

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